

about Delia.

I am in a hurry
so excuse this blank
paper, please.

Mamma,

Spring of 1875

Viles Abundant

Dear Billie

Annie does not think
it necessary to give you
any advice as to closing
up your affairs there, but
I see no harm in it and
think it quite likely you
would like some hints.
You can see at once that it
would not be proper for
you to come away and
leave your belongings
in Mrs. Sill's hands.

Papa says it will not be
convenient for him
to go down and pick up
for you and says tell
you to have Henry
come up, and pick
your

hoped for you. He supposes
you have plenty of empty
boxes there and that you
will need help in packing.
See that Henry packs
cans etc, carefully so
they will not break. If
he does not know it you
can suggest to him
that by dampening the
straw a little he can
pack much more securely
anything liable to break.

Your clothes you will
have to get Henry to take
down to the station for
you, but if you can
put the other boxes away
where they will not at
all in case Mr. S.
you had best leave as Papa
says he can send down

for them some time.
Let me take the train
down. Of course you will
let us know in time what
day and what train you
will come so that we
can meet you.

Please say to Mr. and Mrs.
Sill that we expect a
visit from them and
would be happy to have
them fix the time
to visit themselves.

We shall be very glad
to have you at home
once more.

Delia Hilton and Carrie
Brice went down to
be examined and failed
utterly. I don't think it
will hurt Carrie at
all but I am very sorry